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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Yguerabide *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5423
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For: ANALYTE ASSAY USING Attorney Docket No.: 11032-020-999
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

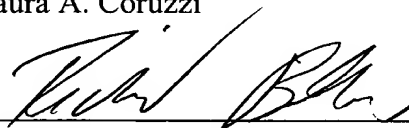
It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 be extended for a period of four (4) months from November 6, 2003, up to and including March 8, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$740.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150¹. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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